

the progressive jackpot.

Claim 18 specifies that the plurality of bingo balls specified in Claim 15 are divided into groups with a first group having a first indicium and a second group having a second indicium. Claim 19 depends from Claim 18 and specifies that the indicia are different colors. Support for these claims can be found in the specification at page 10, lines 14-19.

Claim 20 depends from Claim 19 and specifies that the predetermined winning combination from the progressive jackpot is established as a bingo achieved from bingo balls all having the same color. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 11, lines 3-5.

These dependent claims recite the specific embodiments of Applicant's invention that are anticipated to be the commercial process used to practice Applicant's invention. Applicant submits that these dependent claims are needed in this application to properly protect Applicant's invention should the commercial embodiment be infringed.

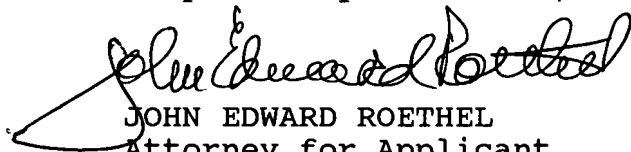
Applicant further submits that the entry of these claims would require no additional search or examination and that each of these claims is patentable. Each of these claims is dependent on allowed Claim 15 and is submitted to be allowable for the same reasons that Claim 15 is allowable. Each of these claims further restricts the scope of Claim 15 and merely specifies particular embodiments of Applicant's invention.

Finally, Applicant submits that these claims were not

submitted earlier because development of Applicant's commercial embodiment of this invention has been ongoing. The Examiner will note that the five allowed claims in this application set out various methods of playing Applicant's modified bingo game. While this application has been pending, Applicant has been undergoing continued development of his invention and it has only recently become apparent that the commercial version of Applicant's invention will most likely embody the invention set out in Claim 15. A review of the scope of this claim at the time of payment of the Issue Fee revealed the desirability of further defining this embodiment of Applicant's invention and new Claims 18-20 are presented for that purpose.

The Issue Fee is being paid by separate communication. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of this amendment for the reasons given above.

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